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Claims 43-50 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,210,884. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

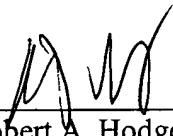
Applicants hereby submit a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) relative to U.S. Patent No. 6,344,329 and U.S. Patent No. 6,210,884. It is believed that this Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the present rejection pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 804.02.

Pursuant to the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending application is believed to be warranted. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to directly contact the undersigned if such contact may enhance the efficient prosecution of this application to issue.

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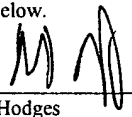
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